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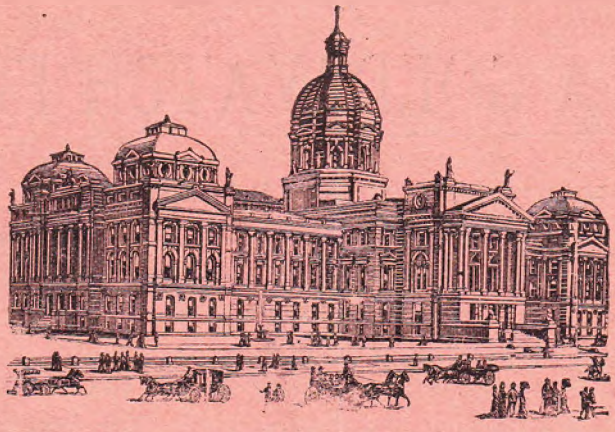

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THE COLUMBIAN SERIES OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

Closely following the authorization by Congress to establish the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, the idea was conceived by the post-office department of issuing, concurrently with that event, a special series of stamps with illustrations to commemorate the discovery of America by Columbus, such stamps to be sold at all the post-offices in the country, without, however, discontinuing the issue and sale of the stamps in current use. This idea was afterwards frequently suggested to the department, both by correspondence and through the public press, and it was in the line of a custom connected with the national jubilees that seems to be growing among the great nations of the world.

The advantages to be gained by such a special series of stamps were so manifest that it was determined to provide for their issue, and the necessary arrangements for manufacturing the stamps were concluded in September last.

The subjects selected as the prominent features of the stamps were conspicuous events connected with the discovery of America. As the delineation of these events involved the engraved reproduction of pictures or other works of art somewhat crowded with figures, it was found necessary, in order to do justice to the subject, to adopt a larger size for the stamps than that of the series in present use, and of a somewhat different form. The size adopted was of the same height, and of very nearly double the length of the present stamp.

The denominations, designs, and colors of the Columbian stamps are as follows:

1-cent stamp: Columbus on Ship Board in Sight of Land; color, medium shade of blue.

2-cent stamp: The Landing of Columbus; color, maroon.

3-cent stamp: The Santa Maria, the Flag-Ship of Columbus; color, medium shade of green.

4-cent stamp: The Fleet of Columbus, consisting of the Santa Maria, the Nina, and the Pinta; color, light blue.

5-cent stamp: Columbus appealing to Queen Isabella for Aid; color, chocolate brown.

6-cent stamp: Columbus entering Barcelona in Triumph; color, royal purple.

10-cent stamp: Columbus presenting Natives at the Spanish Court; color, Vandyke brown.

15-cent stamp: Columbus reciting the Story of his Discovery; color, dark green.

30-cent stamp: Columbus at La Rabido, demonstrating the theory of his enterprise; color, Sienna brown.

50-cent stamp: The Recall of Columbus by Isabella, after the rejection of his proposition; color, carbon blue.

$1 stamp. Isabella pledging her jewels in support of the project; color, rose salmon.

$2 stamp: Columbus in Chains; color, toned mineral red.

$3 stamp: Columbus describing his third voyage; color, light yellow-green.

$4 stamp: Portraits in three-quarters face of Isabella and Columbus; color, carmine.

$5 stamp: Portrait in profile of Columbus; color, black.

The portrait of Columbus is the same as that used on the souvenir coin, a plaster cast of the same having been kindly furnished by the treasury department. It will be observed that the subjects do not strictly follow the logical sequence of events, it having been thought better to illustrate the leading denominations of stamps—those in every day use by the public—with representations of the most important events connected with the discovery.

The denominations in the new series are the same as those of the regular series, except that the 50-cent is substituted for the 90-cent stamp, and an addition is made of the denominations of $1, $2, $3, $4 and $5, these latter denominations being intended for large parcels of first-class matter to foreign destinations, their use having been heretofore recommended by the postmasters at a number of principal offices from which it is convenient to send matter requiring the employment of such high values. The number of new stamps to be issued is fixed at 3,000,000,000, equal to about one year's supply of the regular stamps.

The introduction of the Columbian series of postage stamps will contribute in a marked way to the great recognition given by the Government of the United States to the Columbian Exposition; and they will create for it, both in this country and abroad, an interest that will help it financially and in many other ways.

In addition, the "mania," as it is called, for collecting postage

stamps, as specimens, is universal throughout the world. It effects every class and condition of people, and is not confined by age or sex. It is shared, perhaps, by millions of people, from the school boy and girl to the monarch and the millionaire, and the value of stamps in private collections which will never be drawn upon to pay postage may safely be placed at many millions of dollars. The beauty and unique character of the new Columbian stamps will cause their sale in large quantities, simply for use in collections: and not only will they be purchased in single or partial sets by collectors, but, in view of the limited time in which they will be issued, they will be accumulated in great quantities by dealers and others to meet future demands.

Moreover, it has been found that the issue of a new series of stamps stimulates correspondence by mail; and immediately upon the introduction of the Columbian stamps, business concerns will be likely to get out special editions of their advertisements and circulars, in order that the stamp may first be seen upon envelopes covering the inclosure of their advertising matter, to which more conspicuous attention will accordingly be drawn. The consequent interchange of thought, the encouragement to trade, and the increased revenue to the postal service will be in every way desirable.

The introduction of the new stamps, though not designed primarily for that object, will prove to be a revenue measure of the highest importance to the public service. The net profits to be derived from their issue; that is, the extra amount beyond the ordinary revenue that would have resulted from the sale and use only of ordinary stamps, may be fairly placed at $2,500,000.

THE NEW ONE.

W. F. ARNDT, DE PERE, WIS.

It fell into my sanctum,
Beside my evening lamp.
Unheralded it came, but welcome,
The "Hoosier Stamp."

Not with all its banners flying,
Boasting as so many do.
But with make-up so instructing
As to place it with the favored few.

Long may it live! and to the editor, all hail!
And that another year shall see
The "Hoosier Stamp" far up the scale.

E. W. Hensinger, of San Antonio, Texas, made a short call on A. J. Gillett last month.

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Editorial.

With this number we again present the HOOSIER STAMP to the philatelic public, this time under a new management. This number will not be our standard, but we hope will, like good wine, steadily improve with age, until it ranks as one of the best. As our advertising patronage increases so will our size, as we do not intend to let our advertisements encroach upon our reading matter, as many philatelic publications do. We are negotiating with some of the best philatelic writers of the day and next month we hope to have some articles by well known writers.

On January first the registration fee was reduced from 10 to 8 cents. This may be the forerunner of a new issue of the denomination of eight cents, though not absolutely necessary.

The article "Looking Forward" in the November number of THE STAMP, is a little out of the ordinary, but very interesting.

The articles in this number entitled "The Columbian Series of Postage Stamps" and "Columbian Stamped Envelopes," are by John Wanamaker, in the annual report of the postmaster general.

Postmaster Thompson, the postmaster at Indianapolis, delivered a very nice address at the Y. M. C. A. recently. In his address he said: "Mail was first regularly delivered in Rome and then in the Roman empire. France and England were next to follow, and when Peru, in South America, was conquered by the Spaniards, regular relays of postmen were found all over the country. The government of this country first recognized the mail service as something of importance in 1794, when Samuel Osgood was made the first postmaster-general. The service's greatest advancements had been made since 1860, the railway mailing work having come into vogue since that time."

AUCTION DONT'S.

A. R. Rogers in the Amer. Phil.

Don't think you can get a $10 stamp for $1, or anywhere near it.

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Don't delay in paying for the stamps when you receive them. Auctions are always spot cash sales.

Don't keep the stamps over one day; if they are not catalogued correctly, and you do not want them, send them each with a clear description, why they are wrong.

Don't fail to write to the cataloguer and acknowledge receipt of catalogue, providing you want future ones, unless you send in bids.

Don't bid on a lot, so much for the lot, if they are to be sold by the piece.

Don't forget, when you pay for the stamps received, to also remit postage to cover the cost of sending the stamps to you.

COLUMBIAN STAMPED ENVELOPES.

For the reason that led to the introduction of Columbian adhesive postage stamps, arrangements have been made for issuing at the same time a special series of Columbian embossed stamped envelopes. The new issue will consist of eight different sizes, selected in part from those in the regular series, and they will be made of the same standard of paper as that in the best quality of envelopes in present use. The color of the paper will be light cream, instead of white and amber as in the present style, and it will be specially watermarked. The denominations are 1, 2, 5 and 10 cents. The design of the stamp is circular in form, of somewhat large size. and contains as the principal features the heads of Columbus and Liberty in profile, with words to indicate the character and value of the stamp. The colors will be the same as those of the Columbian adhesive stamps of corresponding denominations.

Notes and Comment.

Mekeel has another rival in the Weekly Philatelist of New Chester, Pa.

The International Philatelist, of Toronto, Canada, is one of the new stamp papers striving for fame.

It is now claimed there are seven shades of the postage due stamps, viz: Brown, red-brown, rose-brown, grey-brown, pink-red, dark claret and bright claret.

In order to increase the size of our Dealers' Directory we will hold the following offer open for one month: A two line card will be placed in our Dealers' Directory for one year, for only 85 cents, cash in advance.

Subscribe to the HOOSIER STAMP and take advantage of our great premium offer, as well as get a good stamp journal every month.

$5,000 seems to be the raging price in philatelic circles now-a-days. Mekeel recently paid $5,000 for an advertisement and the S. B. Bradt Co. have bought a collection cataloguing $5,000. However, we will not keep up with the times, but only charge 25 cents for a year's subscription to the HOOSIER STAMP, with a chance of obtaining a gold watch free.

Although we have not seen a copy of Rogers' Philatelic Blue Book, announced to appear January first, from his advertisements we judge that it will be a book every collector and dealer should own, and is very cheap at one dollar for the amount of work necessary in getting it up.

We want to exchange two copies with every philatelic paper published. Please don't forget us next month, brother editors.

THE following ruling of the United States Postoffice, taken from the Postal Guide, shows the importance to stamp dealers of putting the time for return of an undelivered letter on his return card if he does not want his letter to remain dead for thirty days.

"When the envelope of a letter bears the card of the sender, with no time named therein for its return, if not delivered, the postmaster must, in case of non-delivery, hold the same for thirty days, before returning to the sender, unless the sender shall, by means of a subsequent communication, request its return at an earlier date. The reason for its non-delivery must in all cases be endorsed upon the envelope."

Dealers, look out for one E. A. Johnson, College Station, Texas; he is evidently a fraud.

The Indiana Philatelic Society, which was organized in this city last spring, is practically at a stand still. Collectors of Indiana why can't we get up a good society? Would be pleased to hear from the collectors throughout the state with a view of reorganizing. We have some eleven good members on our books, and with a little push on the part of the collectors throughout the state, we ought to get up a first-class society. Let us hear from you.

We will open up an exchange column next month free to subscribers. Send on your exchanges.

The Italian Government pays about $2,000,000 a year to steamship lines for carrying the mails, while the United States pays about $150,000,000 a year to foreign steamship owners for carrying its freight and mails. Not one cent of this ever comes back to the country. If this money could be kept "at home" by aiding American steamship lines, what an effect it would have on the business of the country!

We will give a two line card three insertions in our Dealers' Directory free to all dealers sending us an add, to run three months or longer.

The Circuit of the Globe.

From the Indianapolis News.

BRAZIL, Ind., January 4.—Last April Morton Decker, of this city, started a letter in an immense envelope around the world, to be forwarded from point to point by whoever would take an interest in the matter. This morning the letter reached here, having made a complete trip around the earth. It had fallen chiefly in the hands of ministers and missionaries, each of whom wrote a paragraph relative to the coming World's Fair. The envelope was fairly covered with stamps of all nations and well wishes for the Fair, written in all languages.

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